

Tales of Traitors: Tale of Flame

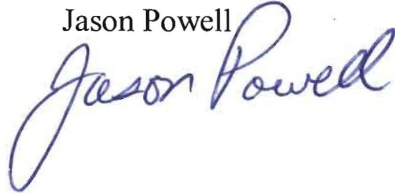
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Abstract

This book is a philosophical story set in a fantastical world designed to encourage readers to question, wonder, and contest the values which they have always taken for granted. Using the ideas of philosophers like Nietzsche and Kant and theologians like Gutierrez and Metz, this tale ponders aloud the inconsistencies of current political, social, and religious beliefs and petitions the reader to examine his or her own fears in questioning the status quo. Ultimately, this is a book about an aesthetic way of life and its implications for the human condition.

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